

killed in Najaf, Iraq on May 14, 2004. He was buried at the Arroyo Grande District Cemetery on May 24, 2004. Pfc. Mora attended the military-style Grizzly Youth Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo and received his GED there. After working for a year, Pfc. Mora enlisted in the Army with his family's support. His family and the community of Arroyo Grande mourn the loss of an outgoing young man who was looking forward to returning home after his tour with the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Army Sergeant Marvin Sprayberry III, age 24, of Tehachapi, California, was killed in Balad, Iraq on May 3, 2004. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on May 14, 2004. Sgt. Sprayberry's family journeyed across the country to bury a young man they remember as a loving husband to his wife Nadja and a devoted son who called home every Saturday to tell his parents he was okay. Sgt. Sprayberry joined the Army soon after his 1997 graduation from Tehachapi High School, and he spent a tour in Germany where he met Nadja, and two tours in Kosovo before his deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Bradley tank mechanic. The community of Tehachapi mourns his loss.

Army Staff Sergeant David S. Perry, age 36, of Bakersfield, California, was killed August 10, 2003 in Baqubah, Iraq. Perry was assigned to 649th Military Police Company, U.S. Army National Guard, Camp San Luis Obispo. Staff Sgt. Perry's 'real job' was as a prison guard at Wasco State Prison, and he was known for his reliability and love for his family. He joined the military after high school, and then later joined the National Guard; he had been assigned to the 649th for about 10 years. Staff Sgt. Perry's wife and children, along with the citizens of Bakersfield, mourn his loss.

Staff Sergeant Brian "Cody" Prosser, age 28, of Frazier Park, California, was killed in Afghanistan on December 5, 2001. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on December 17, 2001, and I was privileged to join his family and fellow Green Berets to pay tribute to this young man who chose to leave his close-knit community in the Los Padres National Forest to serve his country in the Special Forces. Frazier Park remembers Staff Sgt. Prosser as the captain of the Maricopa High School football team and the 'Most Spirited' in his senior class.

In addition, I would like to remember two other soldiers who died in Iraq and who are mourned by their families that are constituents in my district.

Army Sergeant Michael W. Mitchell, age 25, of Porterville, California, was killed in Sadr City, Iraq on April 4, 2004. Sgt. Mitchell's father lives in Atascadero, California, and he has been deeply affected by the loss of his son. Sgt. Mitchell was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Ray Barracks, in Friedberg, Germany, where he met his fiancée, Bianca. He is remembered by his community as a dedicated and disciplined athlete.

Army Staff Sergeant Richard A. Burdick, age 24, of National City, California, was killed December 10, 2003 in Mosul, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Burdick's mother lives in Ridgecrest, California, and his wife and children were living in Lancaster, California at the time of his death. He loved his family and was dedicated to his

country, coming from a family of military men. Staff Sgt. Burdick's great-grandfather served in WWI, his grandfather served in WWII, and his father served in the Navy for 21 years. His local communities mourn his loss.

I ask my colleagues to reflect with me on the lives of these six men and the many others from past and current conflicts who have given their lives in service of their country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following: Rollcall vote No. 212, H. Con. Res. 417, Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen and their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force, the world's foremost Air and Space Supremacy Force;

Rollcall vote No. 211, H. Con. Res. 612, Recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004; and

Rollcall vote No. 210, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States, I would have voted in the affirmative.

CONGRATULATE AND HONOR 28 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS FROM THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local school systems working with dedicated parents and teachers in raising young men and women. I rise today to congratulate and honor 28 outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the Annual Congressional Arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works are exceptional!

Mr. Speaker, I would like to list each of them, their high school, and their contest entries for the official Record.

We had 28 students participate. That is a tremendous response and I would very much like to build on that for next year's competition.

This year, Mr. Speaker, the winner of "An Artistic Discovery" was Elaina Filau from Morris Knolls High School for the work entitled "Birthday Baby." Second place went to Lina Chung from Millburn High School for "Me." Third place and the Viewer's Choice Award was given to Mark Tumiski from Ridge High School for the work titled "Interface."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Sophia Casas of Ridge High School for "One Love," Jeffrey Hanft of Ridge High School for

"From the Window," Patrick Marvin of Mount Olive High School for "The Fade," Eileen Choi of Millburn High School for "Still Life," Chih Chun Mei of Livingston High School for "My Life," and Miguel Cruz of Roxbury High School for "Patriotic Still Life."

Excellent art work was also submitted by Boonton High School's Cydney Pina "Self Portrait," Sarah Castronovo "Clashing," Jonathan Tindall for "Self Portrait," Nataliya Yermolenko for "Self Portrait," Livingston High School's Nadar Lipkin for "Last Minute Study," Paul Imperio for his untitled work, Dave Krause for his untitled work, Joey Sbarro for "Transcendence," Roxbury High School's Ryan Jouas for "Self Portrait #1," Morris Knolls High School's Cassandra Condit for "Rock Ridge," Allyson Harvey for "Mindful Solitude," Erin Gotthelf for "Looking In a Box," Millburn High School's Sarah Maurer for "Oska," Sarah Burford for "Two-Faced," Montville High School's Elizabeth Lagerstrom for "Reflection and Shadow," Julia Hermanowski for "Colors of Self-Reflection," Jenny Kong for "Apple Picking," Yena Lee for "Art Museum," and Ridge High School's Alice Yan for "Through the Looking Glass."

Each year the winner of the competition's art work hangs in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol with other winners from across the country. Every time a vote is called, I get a chance to walk through that corridor and am reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women.

Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE LAKE, MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Village of Wolverine Lake, Michigan on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Incorporated on April 5, 1954 under the State of Michigan's long tradition of Home Rule, the Village of Wolverine Lake's caring citizens, diligent community leaders, superior schools, and vibrant economy accumulate and constitute an exceptional civic life for its citizens.

The Village of Wolverine Lake's rich history dates back to 1919, when Dr. Howard Stuart's efforts led to the construction of a dam connecting several area lakes to form Wolverine Lake. Local residents then established the Consolidated Subdivision of Wolverine Lake Neighborhood Association to maintain and protect the beauty of Wolverine Lake. The Village of Wolverine Lake has now grown to a population of more than 4000 residents. Undoubtedly, the Village of Wolverine Lake will continue to fulfill its promise of boundless opportunity and beauty for its people.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask you and my esteemed colleagues to please join me in congratulating the Village of Wolverine Lake on their very special anniversary.